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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
Second Regular Session**

**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

June 1990

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number for each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

Joint Select Committee on Corrections

LD 43

**An Act Relating to the Maine Correctional Advisory
Commission (Reported Pursuant to Joint Order, SP16)**

**PUBLIC 808
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

OTP-AM

S-618

SUMMARY

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session. The bill replaces the existing correctional advisory body with a larger commission and gives it greater responsibilities and staff to assist it in carrying out the responsibilities.

Committee Amendment "B" reduces the number of members on the commission, makes staff positions optional, reduces the commission's duties, removes the appropriation section and adds a fiscal note which indicates that costs will be absorbed within existing budgets.

LD 501

**An Act to Encourage Development and Use of Community
Corrections Programs**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

CONLEY
OLIVER

ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill amends the existing correctional program improvement fund to include funding for private provider programs that target offenders who would otherwise be incarcerated but who pose no threat to the safety of the community.

Committee Amendment "A" replaces the bill with language establishing a pilot community sentencing options unit within the Division of Probation and Parole. Officers working within the unit offer recommendations to judges for community sentencing options within presentence investigation reports for all felony offenders. The amendment also provides funds for expanded community-based services for adult committed offenders.

The bill was carried over from the First Regular Session. The Committee reviewed its actions on the bill and voted it out "ONTP."

LD 723

**An Act to Amend County Jail Transfers and the Community
Corrections Laws**

PUBLIC 887

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

GAUVREAU
DORE
GREENLAW

OTP-AM

S-519
S-711 PEARSON

SUMMARY

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session. The bill increases the length of sentences which must be served in county jails from 9 months to 1 year. The bill also prohibits using the County Correctional Improvement Account for capital improvements.